IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph [0032] as follows:

[0032]　　The customer 14 may select a web service through the interface 15 of the auction component 11. The customer 14 may select the web service with the combination of identified traits that met the requirements of the customer ~~34~~ 14. The identified traits may include but are not limited to price, quantity, and quality of service.

Please amend Paragraph [0039] as follows:

[0039]　　Figure 3 illustrates a different embodiment of the web services quality of service exchange provided as a web services marketplace 40. The web services marketplace 40 functions substantially the same as the electronic marketplace 10, with an offering component 41 corresponding and operating similar to the auction component ~~31~~ 11, a transaction component 42 corresponding and operating similar to the storage component 12 and financial components discussed above, a customer 44 corresponding to the customer 14, and a web services provider 46 and 48 corresponding to the web services provider 16 and 18. In web services marketplace 40 the customer 44 couples to a web services proxy 50 after completing the purchase of a web service with the transaction component 42. The web services proxy 50 connects to the web services provider 46, and relays requests from the customer 44 to the web services provider 46, and then transmits the responses back to the customer 44.

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